

Public Hearing 2025-26 Budget/Regular  
School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 18, 2025  
Board Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

MPB Board Room and via ZOOM/Owl  
35800 E Historic Columbia River Highway,  
Corbett OR 97019

A Public Hearing of the 2025-26 Budget and Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Corbett School District was held Wednesday, June 18, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM in the MPB / Board Room and via ZOOM-Owl virtual platform. Board members present were Todd Mickalson, Chair; David Granberg; Dylan Rickert (online) Bob Buttke; Ben Byers and Todd Redfern (leaving at 8:25 p.m.). Leah Fredericks had an excused absence. Budget Members present were Brad Hunter, Presiding Officer, Benno Lyon, David Osborn, and Patrick Murphy. Budget Members Amy Ciecko, Krystina Robison and Jennifer Bruton were absent. Also present were Administrators Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent; Kathy Childress, HS Principal/ZOOM moderator; Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk/HR Lead; Regina Sampson, Business Manager/CFO and Jeanne Swift, Assistant Superintendent/Student Services Director. There was no CHS Student Representative in attendance at the Board table. NOTE: The minutes are prepared to coincide with time scheduled matters and the numbering system of the agenda and is not necessarily the actual order of happenings at the meeting.

Preliminary Business

Hybrid meeting:

Brad Hunter, Presiding Officer

There were approximately six online attendees and approximately 11 in person.

7:00 p.m. 1.1. Call to Order / Flag Salute

Brad Hunter, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order and led all attendees in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

<https://policy.osba.org/corbett/I/INDB%20D1.PDF>

2. Approval of Budget Committee Meeting Minutes April 9, 2025, and April 16, 2025

Brad Hunter, Presiding Officer – asked for any discussion, there was none.

Todd Mickalson moved we accept approval of the budget committee minutes and Bob Buttke seconded.

The motion passed 10-0. Todd Mickalson, Ben Byers, Dylan Rickert, Todd Redfern, David Granberg, Bob Buttke, Brad Hunter, Benno Lyon, David Osborn, and Patrick Murphy voting affirmatively.

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**Attachments:** (2)

3. 2025-2026 Approved Budget

Ms. Regina Sampson, CFO – directed the Board and Budget members to the packet where they could see TSCC's certification letter and the approved budget.

<https://policy.osba.org/corbett/D/DBH%20D1.PDF>

**Attachments:** (2)

7:05 p.m.

#### 4. Audience Comments regarding Budget 2025-26

Brad Hunter, Presiding Officer, opened the meeting for comments – there were none.

<https://policy.osba.org/corbett/D/DBEA%20D1.PDF>

7:06 p.m.

#### 5. Budget Committee Comments

Brad Hunter, Presiding Officer, opened the meeting for comments.

Todd Mickalson noted that during the Board agenda there are some options.

Ms. Sampson explained there are no changes as presented. \$150,000.00 into transfers for Capital Projects. Dollars within General Fund (GF) specific transfer to facilities.

Todd Mickalson verified as he understood that all additional funds would go into capital funds as was the Board's commitment, and yet we are still going to increase the Ending Fund Balance (EFB), as it isn't enough to cover a project.

Ms. Sampson said it would be an operational decision by the Board.

Board and Budget member discussion.

Ms. Sampson explained again that option 1. \$150,000.00 of \$350,000.00 Contingency to be transferred to Capital Improvement Fund. 2. \$150,000.00 to be transferred into facilities/repairs/maintenance in the GF to Ending Fund Balance (EFB). Option 2. Being more flexible, it could be changed later, doesn't have to be done now. The budget is based on \$11.3 billion State School Fund (SSF) the Governor has proposed for 2025-27. David Osborn suggested high priority to advocate for status quo. If losing SBMH grant in January, integrate losses in 2024-25 and look at broader context and losses altogether.

Dr. Fialkiewicz suggested leaving things as they are. When we originally created Contingency we estimated more seats filled, and now 20-30 seats short of the 1224, which would add 144 additional spots this year for enrollment. This equates to about \$200,000.00-\$300,000.00. Also, the integrity of the Budget Committee is that their input should hold some weight, and that's why we should leave the budget as it is.

Board and Budget discussion.

Todd Mickalson suggested advertising again for lottery and list spots open.

Dr. Fialkiewicz concurred that we could do that again.

Ms. Sampson noted that the Budget Committee gave the Board their information and that we must adopt the budget by July 1 in order to operate.

Benno Lyon is for more flexibility and following through as a commitment, and because of loss of federal dollars. Lots of cost increases with tariffs, oil and gas, and other uncertainties now.

Patrick Murphy added that this budget was based on enrollment numbers, and looks like a different expectation for now.

David Granberg asked for clarity around losing the SBMH funding.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said four social workers and half of a director and the lease would be cut. We are working on different options to maintain those dollars.

- a. Unofficial Special Election Board Certifications – as attached in the board packet.

Ben Byers congratulated the four outgoing Board members for their service and the growth he's had as a person and Board member working with them over the last two years. Some hard decisions were made, and worked through disagreements and compromises to a lot of 7-0 decisions. He appreciated and thanked them for leading the way.

Todd Mickalson hoped he becomes the next Chair.

David Granberg wished Ben nothing but the same and appreciated his talk.

**Attachments: (3)**

10. Extension for Approval of Minutes      Action Item

Todd Mickalson moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 6.138-25 - RESOLVED** that the Board approved the extension for the approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of May 21, 2025.

The vote of the Board was 6-0, Todd Mickalson, Ben Byers, Dylan Rickert, Todd Redfern, David Granberg, and Bob Buttke voted affirmatively.

**Attachments: (1)**

11. Introduction and Comments of Guests and Representatives

a. Corbett PTA letter – Dr. Fialkiewicz noted the letter is attached in the Board packet.

7:58 p.m. Chair Mickalson read aloud the protocol as described on the agenda regarding public comments and introduced the following to speak:

7:59 p.m.

b. David Church, Music Teacher, spoke about the music program, from band awards to choir and strings cuts and lack of dedicated music rooms on each campus. He thought with better communication and restructure, the kids could get excited about a robust program again. K-3 is future for CHS music.

8:04 p.m.

c. James Barker, parent/patron – spoke about MHCC and IEP. His daughter would have the ability to take guitar at MHCC, for free with his benefits for working there. She would have taken choir at CHS, had it not been cut, but we have not signed the waiver, due partly to her IEP. He asked for a shot at expanded programs with MHCC.

8:07 p.m.

d. Atom Larsen – parent – thanked the Board and spoke about the memory of the last Board meeting with the Board Chair defending himself when testifying to the court that he was Board Chair of CSD, especially in front of the victim. He felt the Board Chair had the option to testify and was shocked that the Board did not sanction for the verbal and further physical abuse it caused. He felt there is damage to the school district and unhealthy consequences affecting every adult and student for years. He is still waiting for policy.

8:11 p.m.

11.1. Principal/Director/Supervisor Reports

**Presenter:** Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent

~~a. Angela Davis, Athletic Director/English Teacher – Sports Update~~

## 12. Financial Reports/Matters

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent introduced Regina Sampson, CFO

### **Attachments:** (1)

#### 12.1. Report Information Item

Ms. Sampson said that we are holding steady on the GF with projections under the current system along with Forecast 5 reporting for 2024-25. Future work around grant Revenue (RV) as we have not bought the second bus.

Board discussion on PGE grant commitment timeline to be spent or committed.

Dr. Fialkiewicz answered that the timeline is December 31, 2025 for the bus grant, and we are looking for other funding sources. Money from PGE is coming out of budget or given back to PGE, and we are in the process of building reserves and can ask for another extension.

Ms. Sampson continued with Fund reporting. Food Service is holding steady and we have transferred to cover negative balance. The Federal Fund projected EFB is at \$13,500.00. SIA account is fully claimed and spent. The GO Bond has collected funds and debt service is paid for the fiscal year. Energy Projects is continuing to add a little bit of RV each month, with plans to use next fiscal year.

### **Attachments:** (1)

#### 12.1.a. 2024-2025 Budget Adjustment Action Item

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent and Regina Sampson, CFO

Todd Redfern moved and Bob Buttke seconded;

**RESOLUTION NO. 6.139-25 - RESOLVED** that the Board amended the 2024-2025 budget as attached in the Board packet.

Ms. Sampson noted this is to prepare for flexibility for projections not yet paid and will be accumulating through July. Proposed budget adjustments from Support Services to Instruction and Community Services (Food Service) and Other Services. Debt for financials in Student Investment Account Instruction to Support Services.

The vote of the Board was 6-0. Todd Mickelson, Ben Byers, Dylan Rickert, Todd Redfern, David Granberg, and Bob Buttke voted affirmatively.

Ben Byers thanked Ms. Sampson for straightening out the 2024-25 budget.

### **Attachments:** (1)

#### 12.2. Resolution to Adopt Budget and Appropriate Funds - Facilities Action Item

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent - explained this is a vote yes or no on all.

Ms. Sampson said this moves \$150,000.00 out of GF Contingency into GF Capital Projects, then \$150,000.00 is transferred to Capital Fund.

Board discussion.

Ben Byers moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 6.140-25 -RESOLVED** that the Board adopt the budget and appropriate funds for facilities as attached in the Board packet.

Ms. Sampson expressed that the 2000 function at the appropriation level is at the directive of the Superintendent as to how it supports facilities.

Dr. Fialkiewicz agreed that it gives more flexibility on how to use it.

The vote of the Board failed, with two voting for: Ben Byers and Dylan Rickert and three voting against: Bob Buttke, David Granberg and Todd Mickalson.

**Attachments:** (1)

12.3. Resolution to Adopt Budget and Appropriate Funds - Transfers                      Action Item

Regina Sampson, CFO explained that this takes money out of contingency to capital projects.

Todd Mickalson moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 6.141-25 - RESOLVED** that the Board adopted the budget and appropriate funds transfer as attached in the Board packet.

Board discussion.

Dr. Fialkiewicz realized that only problem is cutting expenditures and only way to do that is with 85% of budget being employees. We are basing on lower enrollment, so not hiring CMS teacher or extra Educational Assistants, unless students come in. Financials are crucial for grants or future loans, and the May adjustment by ODE.

Ms. Sampson added that actual numbers need to be our back up, based on total enrollment.

Board discussion.

The vote of the Board was 5-0. Voting affirmatively were Todd Mickalson, Ben Byers, Dylan Rickert, David Granberg, and Bob Buttke.

**Attachments:** (1)

12.4. Resolution to Adopt Budget and Appropriate Funds                      Action Item

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent and Regina Sampson, CFO

Todd Mickalson moved and there was no second.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6.142-25 - RESOLVED** that the Board adopt the budget and appropriate funds as attached in the board packet.

There was no vote.

**Attachments:** (1)

12.5. Resolution Declaring Taxes                      Action Item

Regina Sampson, Business Manager/CFO, explained the permanent rate for GF property taxes is \$4.5941 per \$1,000.00 and the GO Bond levy is \$385,387.00.

Todd Mickalson moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 6.143-25 - RESOLVED** that the Board declared the tax levy as attached in the Board packet.

Board discussion.

The vote of the Board was 5-0. Voting affirmatively were Todd Mickalson, Ben Byers, Dylan Rickert, David Granberg, and Bob Buttke.

**Attachments:** (1)

13. Superintendent Fialkiewicz's Report    Information Items

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent announced a great ending to the school year with an awesome graduation. He thanked Ms. Kathy Childress and the CHS staff. He thanked the four board members that are leaving for their unwavering support and also thanked Ms. Sampson for her support and getting us in this position for financial stability, with more solid numbers by the next meeting.

Board discussion.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said there are eight students online. Two that were online came back in person.

**Attachments:** (1)

13.2. Corbett School Campus Upgrades and / or Grants – Dr. Fialkiewicz reported:

a. SBMH Grant request for reconsideration and possible next steps with ODE and backing from the Governor. A recommendation went to Vice Chair Fredericks for the following resolution.

Todd Mickalson moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 6.144.25 - RESOLVED** that the Board approved contacting our general counsel, The Hungerford Law Firm, to contact an attorney in New Mexico, who is preparing a lawsuit against the US Department of Education regarding the cancellation of the mental health grant.

Board discussion.

Ms. Swift went through timeline of SBMH grant and the letter of appeal that was sent May 23. Letters of support received from Senator Wyden and Representative Dexter.

Dr. Fialkiewicz added that \$1.5 billion across the U.S. and at least one district in each state, with 110 districts funding cut from this grant.

The vote of the Board was 4 – 1.

Voting affirmatively were Todd Mickalson, Ben Byers, David Granberg, and Bob Buttke.

Voting against was Dylan Rickert.

**Attachments:** (4)

13.3. Future Planning / Strategic Planning – no information at this time in the meeting.

**Attachments:** (1)

13.4. Recognition/Retirement of Board Members    Information Item

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent commemorated the board members' years of service on the school board with plaques.

- a. Bob Buttke - 24 years of service
- b. Todd Mickalson - 16 years of service
- c. Todd Redfern - 5 years of service
- d. David Granberg - 4 years of service



9:13 p.m. RECESS – The board recessed for a two-minute break.

9:19 p.m. RECONVENE – The board reconvened.

#### 14. Consent Agenda

Todd Mickalson moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

#### **14.0\*\*RESOLUTION ITEMS NO. 6.145-25 through 6.148-25\*\* Action Items**

**16.1\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 6.145-25 - RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the student fees for 2025-26 as attached in the Board packet.

<https://policy.osba.org/corbett/J/JN%20D1.PDF>

**19.2\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 6.146-25\*\* - RESOLVED** that the Board reconfirmed the FMLA for 1.00 FTE Grade School Principal, Cassie Duprey, effective May 21 - June 7, 2025, returning 6/9/25 for meetings only. Full duty, no restrictions starting August 1, 2025.

**19.3\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 6.147-25\*\* - RESOLVED** that the Board approved the recommendation for hire of cheerleading coach, Jenni Bower, for fall/winter season 2025-2026 at the Extra Duty Salary Schedule Stipend of Level B, Step I, contingent on the continuation of ECBC/CEA CBA after June 30, 2025.

**20.2\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 6.148-25\*\* - RESOLVED** that the Board have a second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- a. Policy CPA - Layoff and Recall for Administrators
- b. Policy GCPA - Reduction or Recall of Licensed Staff\*

The vote of the Board was 5-0. Voting affirmatively were Todd Mickalson, Ben Byers, Dylan Rickert, David Granberg, and Bob Buttke.

<https://policy.osba.org/corbett/AB/BDDC%20D1.PDF>

<https://policy.osba.org/corbett/G/GAA%20D1.PDF>

15. CURRICULUM – no information at this time in the meeting.

16. STUDENTS - **See Consent Agenda Item 16.1**

#### **Attachments: (1)**

#### 17. TRANSPORTATION, BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – PGE and electrician contractors will be working July 10-August 21 in the parking lot in front of the CHS gym for digging and lines associated with Level 3 bus charger.

Todd Mickalson moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

**17.1. RESOLUTION NO. 6.149-25 - RESOLVED** that the Board approved the surplus of the 2004 large Thomas Bus #11.

Dr. Fialkiewicz noted that this might be our last diesel bus replacement.

The vote of the Board was 5-0. Voting affirmatively were Todd Mickalson, Ben Byers, Dylan Rickert, David Granberg, and Bob Buttke.

<https://policy.osba.org/corbett/D/DN%20D1.PDF>

17.2. HASS Annual Statement                      Information Item



Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent explained that Steve Salisbury, Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor, is responsible for the annual Healthy and Safe Schools plan.

**Attachments:** (1)

18. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES- no information at this time in the meeting.

19. PERSONNEL

**Presenter:** Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – read aloud:

Returning Confidential/Supervisory (non-union) 260-day employees received a 1% salary raise for the 2025-26 school year.

Hire of Dennis Clague, 1.00 FTE Chief Financial Officer, effective July 1, 2025, at a salary of \$120,000.00 for the 2025-26 school year.

19.1. Vacant Positions                      Information Item

Chair Mickalson read aloud:

We have vacant positions open for the 2025-26 school year for the following:

1.0 FTE 9th-12th High School Counselor, 8-12/2025 temporary

CHS Womens Head Basketball Coach fall/winter 2025-26

Bus Driver .35-.4 FTE (14-16 hours/week base)

Substitute Bus Drivers and Substitute Custodians

<https://corbett.tedk12.com/hire/Index.aspx>

19.2 See Consent Agenda Item 14.

19.3 See Consent Agenda Item 14.

20. POLICY – Dr. Fialkiewicz has been working with stakeholders on a policy regarding sex offenders on campus. July's meeting will have a first read.

Board discussion.

20.1. Regular Board Meeting July 2025                      Action Item

Todd Mickalson moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 6.150-25 - RESOLVED** that the Board approved the Regular School Board meeting for July 2025 to be Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

Board discussion.

The vote of the Board was 5-0. Voting affirmatively were Todd Mickalson, Ben Byers, Dylan Rickert, David Granberg, and Bob Buttke.

20.2. See Consent Agenda Item 14.

**Attachments:** (2)

20.3. Review Revised Administrative Regulations                      Information Items

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – brought to us from OSBA

Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley explained that these do not need to be adopted, just reviewed.

a. Board Policy CPA-AR Layoff and Recall for Administrators

b. Board Policy GCPA-AR Reduction or Recall of Licensed Staff

**Attachments:** (2)

## 21. COMING EVENTS

Todd Mickalson, Board Chair – read aloud:

- a. Thursday, June 19, 2025 - Juneteenth holiday for 12-month (257-260 day) employees
- b. Friday, July 4, 2025 - 4th of July holiday for 12-month (257-260 day) employees
- c. Wednesday, July 16, 2025 - July Regular Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. (virtual/MPB Board Room main campus) if approved under item 20.1
- d. Summer OSBA Board conference in Salem, August 8-10, 2025, Salem Convention Center; Registration closes July 18.
- e. Fall OSBA Board conference in Portland, November 6-8, 2025

## 22. MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. David Granberg – mentioned the spring fundraiser golf tournament was awesome to get together and a great job done, and other business sponsorships would be welcome.
- b. Todd Mickalson – added that lots of sponsorship and lots of attendance. Advertising by reader board, Facebook and maybe in The Outlook would be great. The sunrise breakfast at the Vista House with the seniors was good stuff. The kids were tired but had a lot of fun. Summer sports for high school basketball camps and training for football, combining cheer with football. Some kind of an all blast would be good. Would donate dozer with driver for the neighboring project with Superintendent/Maintenance Supervisor us approval. With the new Board members coming on board, hope they consider Ben Byers as Chair and Dylan Rickert as Vice Chair, with their experience.
- c. Dr. Fialkiewicz – talking with coaches bringing three sport together with their students was #onecorbett. Students are interested in cheer team for fall and winter.
- d. Dylan Rickert – thanked the outgoing board for the pleasure of serving with them.

23. ADJOURNMENT – The Board adjourned at 9:39 p.m.